
Position Description

LOCK & DAM VOLUNTEER

Drug Test Required: VARIES

Commit to Assigned Work Schedule: YES

Duties:

As a Lock and Dam Volunteer, assists in obtaining lock lines from boat operators or deckhands either directly or through the use of a heaving line. Assists in securing lines to designated bollards, cleats or posts. Assists Corps of Engineers Lock wall crew in controlling traffic and positioning boats, barges and booms in the locks by passing on instructions to boat operators, snugging or moving lines. Releases lines and signals boats to exit according to specific instructions.

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGES

Skill in lifting and pulling heavy lines. Skill in taking tide level readings. Skill in using hoses, broom and brushes to maintain cleanliness of the lockwall and facilities. Skills in communicating effectively and courteously in noisy conditions.

RESPONSIBILITY

Consistently works under the detailed and concentrated supervision of a Corps of Engineer employee who provides detailed instructions on the practices and principles involved in performing the assigned tasks. Performs routine, recurring tasks with less supervision required as familiarity is gained. Able to provide professional and courteous customer service to public both on water and land.

PHYSICAL EFFORT

Work requires constant standing and walking on concrete or iron walkways. Work requires lifting lines usually at less than 50 pounds. Wet commercial lines can exceed 100 pounds. Pulling on lines to reposition boats may involve assuming awkward and difficult positions, exerting considerable effort, and risking muscle strains. Climbing ladders and stairs is occasionally required.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Work is performed outside on the lockwall in all kinds of local weather, which varies from mild, and moderate to wet, windy, snowy, or icy. Work requires activities at the edge of the lockwall, which ranges to 30 feet above the turbulent water and boats below. Work is performed in full view of large numbers of lock visitors and requires dealing directly with the boating public under sometimes adverse conditions. There is exposure to fumes from boat engine exhaust.

Performs other duties as assigned.

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